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His military education includes the Aviation Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and U.S. Naval War College. Rick holds a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from the U.S. Military Academy.

Rick's significant awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and Air Medal with V Device. He is a Master Army Aviator and has completed Airborne School; Air Assault School; OH-58 Instructor Pilot Course; Jumpmaster School; and Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape-C course.

The foundation of Rick's success is his family. His wife, Jayne, and his son, Tristan, are the light of his life. I thank Jayne and Tristan for their sacrifices made in Rick supporting our country.

Madam Speaker, it has been a genuine pleasure to highlight the life and service of a true American and Ohioan. Our country has benefited from his extraordinary leadership, judgment, and passion for the Army profession and for the State of Ohio. It is with great appreciation that I recognize and commend the life and service of Colonel Rick Zampelli.

TRIBUTE TO VIETNAM WAR VETERAN ARTURO LARA

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of United States Air Force Veteran Arturo Lara, who passed away on May 8, 2020. Mr. Lara hailed from my hometown of San Antonio, Texas and is survived by his wife of 58 years, Consuelo R. Lara, eldest son Arturo R. Lara, Jr., daughter Elizabeth R. Lara, and youngest son Louis R. Lara. Although I am saddened to learn of his passing, I am confident his memory will live on through his many loved ones.

Arturo Lara was born in San Antonio, Texas on July 16, 1943, to Simon and Alfonsa Vargas Lara. At a young age, Mr. Lara knew he wanted to be a family man and to serve his country. With permission from his grandfather, Simon Lara, he enlisted in the United States Air Force at the age of 16. Mr. Lara courageously served our country for 24 years, taking on different duty assignments across the globe. Mr. Lara notably served on high-risk missions as an Air Commando under Special Forces. During the Vietnam conflict, Mr. Lara was captured by enemy forces for 90 days to later escape shortly after his 18th birthday. Upon retiring from the Air Force, Mr. Lara went on to civil service and worked at Kelly Air

Force Base in San Antonio and Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas. After 51 years of combined military and civil service, Mr. Lara retired in 2011.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the life and service of a person who dedicated themselves to family and country. The sacrifice and commitment our service members undertake is immeasurable and should never be taken for granted. We thank Mr. Lara for his many years of service and commitment to our great country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call No. 302 on passage of H.R. 5271, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FOOD SAFETY ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 2022

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, today I rise in support of the Food Safety Administration Act, which I am introducing—along with Senator DICK DURBIN—today.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates about 80 percent of our food supply—and consumers and industry depend on the FDA food program to perform its regulatory role. Every year, nearly 48 million people get sick from one of the 31 pathogens known to cause foodborne illness. This results in 128,000 Americans being hospitalized each year—and 3,000 Americans dying of foodborne diseases. This is common, costly—and preventable.

It is becoming increasingly clear that public confidence in the ability of the FDA to protect our food supply is diminishing. Between inadequate responses to recalls, a failure to implement a culture of outbreak prevention, and proposed rules and initiatives that languish for years, the food program has struggled in its role to protect consumers.

The recent infant formula crisis, exacerbated by substandard safety practices at the Abbott Nutrition facility in Sturgis, Michigan, cannot be allowed to happen again. Parents and caregivers should never have to desperately scramble to find infant formula and wonder how they will feed their children. And when or if they finally find formula, they face an impossible choice as they wonder whether it is safe for consumption. We should not have to choose between safety and supply when it comes to feeding our babies. I reject this false and dangerous dichotomy. This was a colossal failure of Abbott Nutrition and the FDA, which dragged its feet to investigate a whistleblower report that unveiled damning allegations of wrongdoing and neglect of Abbott.

Food safety is currently a second-class citizen at the FDA. It is clear that food safety is

not prioritized at the FDA, which has the authority to appoint an empowered Deputy Commissioner of Foods with a relevant background in food safety—but has yet to do so. The lack of a single, full-time expert leader affects all aspects of FDA's food program. And perhaps the most significant impact is the delayed implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act and the New Era of Smarter Food Safety blueprint. These key initiatives depend on all FDA food program units, like the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Center for Veterinary Medicine, and the Office of Regulatory Affairs—working together with state partners and with a common strategic direction, clear priorities, adequate resource management, and internal accountability.

That is why I am introducing the Food Safety Administration Act that would establish the Food Safety Administration under the Department of Health and Human Services by incorporating these existing food programs within FDA into this separate agency. This agency would be led by a food safety expert confirmed by the Senate.

This bicameral legislation will bring focused leadership and more accountability, a unified structure and a full-time senior leader who will strengthen oversight of the food supply and enhance the industry's ability to operate effectively.

RECOGNIZING CECELIA "CECE" KING

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Cecelia "Cece" King, on the occasion of her appointment as a John Robert Lewis (JRL) Scholar by The Faith & Politics Institute (FPI) in recognition of her civic engagement and desire to create effective social change.

Ms. King was born in New York, New York and attended Riverdale Country School. During her time in high school, Ms. King was appointed as a voting member on Manhattan Community Board 8. She sat on the Land Use, Small Business, and Youth, Education, and Libraries Committees, and was a constant advocate for her community. During her junior year, Ms. King spent a semester at the School for Ethics and Global Leadership in Washington, D.C.

Ms. King now studies Arabic and Geography as a student at Dartmouth College, where she continues her dedication to social equity. Ms. King has been an active member of the Coalition for Immigration Reform and Equality at Dartmouth and the Sexual Violence Prevention Project. As a major in Geography, Ms. King has studied global movements and displacements, and together with her fellow students, some of whom were refugees themselves, formed the Dartmouth Displaced Students and Scholars Initiative, which aims to support displaced students on campus.

Outside of her education, Ms. King continues her service. She has worked as an interpreter for asylum seekers through legal clinics in New York and Texas, created a documentary film about the challenges COVID-19 posed to artists, and is a founding-member of